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OF THE

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MINUTES.

The Ministers and delegates to the Shelby Association of Baptist Churches convened with Columbiana Church, Shelby county, Ala., on Saturday, the 8th day of October, 1859.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. C. Hand, from 2d chapter of Acts of the Apostles, verse 1 & 2; after which the delegates assembled in the Church were called to order by the former Moderator, and the Association opened by prayer by Elder N. Haggard.

Letters from the Churches were called for, received, and the names of delegates enrolled.

Beaver Creek.—Wesley Armstrong, H. B. Horton, John Russell.

Bethesda.—J. D. Teague, E. Vick, H. F. Teague.

Beulah.—*James S. Duyck, Asa Wyatt, Calvin Bass, James K. Byers the alternate.

Liberty.—T. P. Holcomb, J. G. Walton, J. R. Gilbert, J. H. R. Carden.

Spring Creek.—*W. W. Kidd*, *J. E. Lewis, *H. Wadsworth, J. McGinnis, *C. F. Elliott, alternate.

Mt. Pisgah.—J. P. Fulmer, S. A. Goss, Lewis Straisner.

Mt. Pleasant.—H. W. Inzer, J. D. Inzer, Robert Martin.

Columbiana.—W. H. Carroll, A. A. Sterrett, Samuel Clabough.

Pleasant Hill.—Joseph Vanderslice, *John S. Pickens, *John Burk, W. K. Rushing, alternate.

Union.—William Lucas, Levi Lawley, H. W. Bowers.

Sarepta.—J. C. Hand, L. M. Jones, C. H. Jones.

Providence.—L. A. Honeycutt, *D. T. Seale*, *Wm. J. Crim, *T, E. Meroney.

Cahaba Valley.—John Bailey, T. L. Miles, *Jasper Ferrington.

Enon.—*Charles H. Collier, *D. L. Brown, Stephen Johnson, *I. C. D. Trott.

Montevallo.—Noah Haggard, Edmund King, H. R. Lyman.

Cahaba.—Elias Glenn, *Jaberry Glenn, Riley McClintock.

Concord.—G. W. Weldon, T. P. Adderhold, *Wm. D. Sherley, *Wm R. Fulmer, alternate.

The Association then proceeded to vote for Moderator and Clerk. T. P. Holcomb chosen Moderator, and A. A. Sterrett, clerk.

The Constitution, Abstract of Principles, and Rules of Decorum were read.

An invitation to newly constituted Churches, and those dismissed from other Associations was given to join this, whereupon the Baptist Church of Christ at Dogwood Grove, constituted 13th November, 1858, with thirty-five members, was received by letter and petition presented by her delegates—*Hiram Holsomback*, Avery Lolley, *W.* F. Deloach—and added to the 2d District; and the Baptist Church of Christ at Mt. Calvary, constituted 10th Septr., 1859, with 33 members, was also received by her letter and petition presented by her delegates, *William Armstrong*, John Davis, C. Salser, and added to the First District.

Visiting ministers were invited to take seats with us. Elders James M. Scott, A. W. Bulard, E. T. Aiken, and ——— *Warrell* being present, accepted.

Correspondence was then called for, and received from Mulberry Association, by her messenger, Wm. L. Mullen; from the Unity Association by Brother Goss; from Coosa River Association, by J. J. D. Renfro and John Henderson.

Appointed—King, Bass, Bailey, Holsomback, and the Deacons of Columbiana Church, a Committee to arrange preaching during the Association, who reported Elder Renfro to preach to-night, to be followed by Elder Warrell; Elder J. P. Fulmer at 9 o'clock, tomorrow; J. J. D. Renfro at 11 o'clock, at the Methodist Church, and Wm. H. Carroll, a missionary sermon at the same hour, at the Baptist Church; E. T. Aiken at the Baptist Church at 3 o'clock, and J. J. D. Renfro at night; J. D. Teague at 3 o'clock, and Noah Haggard at night to the colored people, at the Methodist Church.

Appointed, a Committee to arrange business for the Association, consisting of Carroll, Haggard, L. M. Jones, J. D. Teague, the Moderator and Clerk; and on Finance, Carden and Clabough; and on documents, H. W. Inzer, Carroll, Walton, J. D. Teague, and King.

Returned correspondence to the Mulberry Association, Haggard, Walton, Carroll, and Carden appointed messengers. To the Coosa River Association, James P. Fulmer, Haggard, H. W. Inzer, James D. Inzer, S. A. Goss, Calvin Bass, Robert Martin and Carroll appointed messengers. To the Unity Association, Carroll, Haggard, and J. D. Teague, appointed messengers. To the Canaan Association, L. M. Jones, R. Wood, H. W Inzer, James P. Fulmer, and W. H. Carroll, appointed messenger. After prayer by Elder Scott, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning.

On Sabbath there was preaching at the Baptist and Methodist Churches by the brethren appointed by the Committee in the order named. Bro. Renfro, by request, and Bro. Carroll, under appointment, preaching missionary sermons, after which collections for missions were taken up, amounting together to the sum of $66 60c.

Monday morning, 9 o'clock, Association met according to adjournment, and after prayer by the Moderator, called the roll and marked absentees. The Committee to arrange preaching appointed Bro. Teague to preach at the Methodist Church, at 11 o'clock, A. M. The Committee of Arrangement made their report, which was received and Committee discharged.

On account of absence of Bro. Garden, Bro. Bowers was appointed in his place on Finance Committee.

On petition from Spring Creek Church by letter, she is now dismissed from this Association.

On motion, resolved that we correspond with the Central Association, Ala., Carroll, Kidd, Hand and Haggard appointed messengers

This Association, as advised, convenes on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in October, 1860, with Shiloh Church, in Coosa county.

Bro. Renfro, having permission, addressed a few pertinent remarks to the Association on the subject of Indian Missions, after which he received contributions to the amount of $35.

On motion Brethren King, L. M. Jones, Clabough and Bass, appointed a Committee on Missions within the bounds of this Association, and said Committee authorized to direct the appropriations of the funds contributed on Sabbath and

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Note.—Ordained Ministers in small caps—Licentiates in *italics*—absentees marked thus (*).

requested to report to this body.

Appointed, W. H. Carroll, to preach the next introductory sermon; J. G. Walton, alternate. J. C. Hand, to preach the missionary sermon; J. G. Walton, alternate.

W. H. Carroll, H. W. Inzer, Walton and Kidd appointed a committee to report to this Association on the subject of Temperance.

The Committee on Finance reported $21 55 sent up by the Churches for Associational purposes, $28 00 for Minutes, and $63 30 for Domestic missons, and that Liberty Church vouches for $5 50.

The Committee on Documents made the following report, viz: Your Committee on Documents report that the letters to the Association contain accounts of several glorious revivals among the churches during the Associational year. They generally express devout gratitude to the God of all good for the enjoyment of peace and prosperity in spiritual blessings; but some few complain of coldness. The small amount of information which we have with regard to Sabbath Schools does not enable us to report much upon that subject, but we regard Sabbath Schools of great importance, and rejoice to learn that there are a few churches that have Sabbath Schools, and recommend that they all have Sabbath Schools. And to enable us to be better informed in the future, we recommend that hereafter all the churches and neighborhoods where we have Sabbath Schools that they be reported to the Association annually. We recommend to our churches and brethren throughout the Association to patronize our Book Depository at Selma in preference to any other establishment of the kind for supplying our Sabbath Schools, and for religious publications generally.

EDWARD KING, Chairman.

Which was received and Committee discharged.

The next meeting of the Association appointed to be held with Union Church eight miles north of Montevallo, on the Elyton road, on Saturday before the second Sabbath in October next.

Directed the Clerk to have seven hundred copies of the minutes of this Association printed; reserving one hundred for corresdondence. That he be allowed ten dollars for his services. The $49 50 sent up by the churches for Associational purposes, and minutes, paid over by the Finance Committee to the clerk.

On motion of Bro. Walton, the 9th article of the Rules of Decorum were stricken out, and the following article adopted in place thereof:

9. The Association shall be governed in all cases by a majority, except in the reception and exclusion of churches, and the alteration or amendment of these rules, or the Constitution of the Association, which shall be by two thirds at least, of the members present.

Ordered that we publish with the minutes of the next session of this body, a circular letter. Appointed Bro. Carden to write the same.

It being suggested to the Association that Bro. Edmond Baxley has for some time been sorely afflicted with Rheumatism, unable to labor for the support of his family, and in rather a destitute condition, the Association raised and paid over to Bro. Elias Glen, $23 45 for said Bro. Baxley.

The Committee appointed to report on the subject of Temperance made the following report, viz: Committee on Temperance deplore the fact that some members of our church indulge in the dangerous and unscriptural habit of dram drinking. We are glad to know that some of our churches have a rule prohibiting the practice. We earnestly recommend that every other church in our bounds adopt similar rules and enforce them rigidly.

W. H. CARROLL, Chairman.

Which report was adopted.

The Committee to arrange preaching appointed Bro. Bullard to preach at the Baptist Church to-night.

Bros. J. R. Gilbert and J. P. Fulmer having reported the volunteer labors performed by them in travelling and preaching in destitute parts of the Association, under the arrangement of last session, the Treasurer is directed to pay to said brethren the $21 80 retained in his hands at last session, according to their respective labors.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, viz: The committee to whom was referred the subject of missions in the destitute portions of the Shelby Association, submit the following report—That they regret that the amount of funds in the hands and under the control of the committee is not sufficient to fully carry out the plan proposed and approved at the last Association. As far as we are able to ascertain the amount sent up by the churches for the support of missionary operations, is about $65 00, and the amount of collections made on Sabbath is $66 60; which, your committee, as empowered, have applied to carrying out the missions proposed, amounting altogether to about $131 00; and to embrace a period of twelve months it will require at least $200. We therefore propose for missionary labors to commence the 1st of April, next and each missionary to occupy two divisions once in each month, to alternate with the missionary most convenient, so as to occupy each place of meeting twice in each month, and that they be each paid one dollar per day, to continue said labor six months, and report to the next Association. The field to be occupied to be left discretionary with the missionaries. As far as we are informed we recommend as missionaries, Elder L. A. Honeycutt, Elder Jas. C. Hand, Elder T. P. Holcomb, and Elder Jas. P. Fulmer, and that Bro. Edmund King be appointed to the custody of said fund and pay to said missionaries quarterly such amount as they may be entitled to. In order to provide for every contingency that may arise in obstructing the operations of said missionary plan, the chairman shall be authorized to convene the missionary committee at such time at Columbiana, as the nature of the case requires. And if the churches approve of this plan to send up appropriations to the next association to continue it. We recommend that the missionaries act as colporteurs in distributing Bibles and other denominational literature, and works in co-operation with the Bible Board and Book Depository at Selma; but the arrangement is left to their own discretion and convenience.

Which was received, and being under consideration before final action—after prayer by the Moderator, the association adjourned until eight o'clock Tuesday morning.

Tuesday morning the Association met at the time appointed, and after prayer by Bro. Gilbert, resumed the consideration of the report of the Committee on Missions, which after discussion and due consideration was adopted.

Bro. Clabough excused from serving on the Missionary Committee, and Bro. Carden appointed in his place.

Resolved, That this Association acknowledge with thankfulness the many hospitalities and kind attentions extended them by the brethren and friends of Columbiana during the present session. Also, gratefully acknowledge the use of the Methodist house of worship, kindly tendered them by the Methodist brethren.

Resolved, That the Churches and Brethren who may desire that our Domestic Missions shall to some extent act as colporteurs for distributing and disposing of Religious books, raise what funds they can and pay over to the Chairman of the Missionary Committee for that purpose, within the next six months.

A. A. STERRETT, Clerk. T. P. HOLCOMB, Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Shelby Association to Sister Associations with which she corresponds, sends Christian salutation. Receive this, our letter, with our minutes and messengers, as a token of our Christian regard towards you, and the expression of our wish to continue correspondence with you, viewing ourselves as co-workers in the great cause ef truth, and as gentle, yet firm opposers of error, we wish to keep a close alliance. The presence of your messengers, and good news communicated by your letters are cheering.

The next session of our body will be held with Union Church, eight miles north of Montevallo, on the Elyton road, Saturday before the second Sabbath in October next.

T. P. HOLCOMB, Moderator.

A. A. STERRETT, Clerk.

Churches,	Counties,	Baptized,	Received by Letter,	Restored,	Dismissed by letter,	Excluded,	Died,	Present Number,	Minutes,	Associat'l Purposes,	Missionary purposes	Sabbath Preaching,	Pastors,
1st District													
Beaver Creek,	Shelby	7	3	1	1			34	1 50	1 50		3	T. P. Holcomb,
Bethesda,	"				6	2	1	45	1 50	1 00		3	J. D. Teague,
Beulah,	"				3	5		23	1 50	2 00		3	J. G. Walton,
Liberty,	"	2	6	2	41	2	1	101	2 00	2 00	20 00	1	T. P. Holcomb,
Spring Creek,	"				15	6	2	101	1 50	1 50		2	J. G. Walton,
Mt. Pisgah,	StClair	38	14		11			61	1 00		5 00	1	J. P. Fulmer,
Mt. Pleasant,	"	5	2		9			56	1 50	1 55			H. W. Inzer,
Columbiana,	Shelby	4	6		1	1		32	1 50	2 00		4	W. H. Carroll,
Pleasant Hill,	"	1			6	4		61	1 50	1 50	5 40	2	E. T. Aikens,
Concord,	"	2	1		5	2		11	50		5 25	4	Wm. R. Fulmer,
Mt. Calvary,	"	3	3					39	2 00	1 00			
2d District,													
Union,	Shelby	15		3	13	2	3	54	1 50		5 00	4	James Grimes.
Serepta,	"						2	21	1 00	1 00	.	1	James C. Hand,
Providence,	"	1	1	1	11			48	2 00	1 00	5 00	2	J. F. Brazel,
Cahaba Valley,	Bibb	20	5		3			72	1 50	1 50		1	R. Wood,
Enon,	"	3	4		13	2	2	58	2 00	1 00		2	Wm. L. Cochran
Montevallo,	Shelby	12	9		8			51	1 50	1 50	15 00	3	W. Wilkes,
Cahaba,	"	1			3			9	50	50			
Dogwood Grove	"	29	17	4	3			82	2 00	1 00		2	W. F. Rodgers,
		143						959	$28 00	$21 55			